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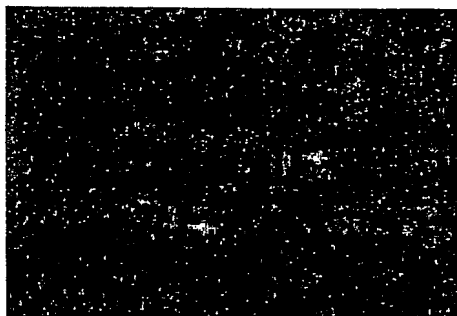
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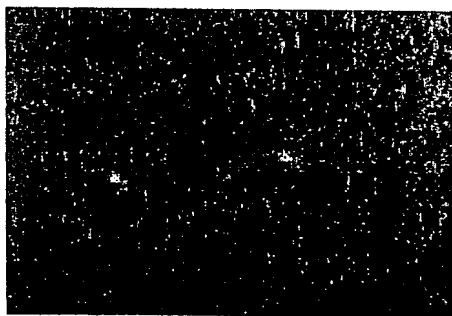
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method for altering the level of an extracellular matrix (ECM) protein produced by a cell, the method including modulating expression or activity of a cell division auto antigen (CDA). The Applicants have surprisingly found that a CDA is involved in a pathway that controls the level of ECM protein produced by mammalian cells. The invention has relevance to a number of ECM-related disorders such as renal fibrosis and atherosclerosis.

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